

Zion & St. James Lutheran Churches of Martin County, Minnesota



Pastor John Henry



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2023

Regarding Membership and the Holy Communion:

We believe that, in the Holy Communion, the bread is truly Christ's Body and the wine is truly His Blood, given to us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. As we receive this gift individually, we profess that we are truly one body in Christ—that we are united in one faith and teaching (doctrine). Ordinarily, full participation in this Holy Communion is reserved for those who are members in good standing of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. *Any visitors or guests who desire to partake of the Body and Blood of Christ are asked to please speak with the Pastor or an Elder before the service.*

*A joyous and blessed Sabbath to you,
brothers and sisters in Christ!
Welcome to worship.*

Opening Hymn

Built on the Rock

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Invocation, Confession & Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P ... in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

First Lesson

2 Samuel 12:1–15

¹And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds, ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.” ⁵Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, ⁶and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

⁷Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. ⁸And I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. ⁹Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’ ¹¹Thus says the LORD, ‘Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. ¹²For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.’” ¹³David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. ¹⁴Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die.” ¹⁵Then Nathan went to his house.

And the LORD afflicted the child that Uriah’s wife bore to David, and he became sick.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 18:1–6



¹*I | love you, **

O | LORD, my strength.

***²The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer,*
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my | stronghold.***

³*I call upon the LORD, who is worthy | to be praised,*
and I am saved from my | enemies.*

⁴*The cords of death en- | compassed me; **
the torrents of destruction as- | sailed me;

⁵the cords of Sheol en- | tangled me; *
the snares of death con- | fronted me.

*⁶In my distress I called upon the LORD;
to my God I | cried for help.**

*From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him | reached his ears.*

Second Lesson

Galatians 5:16—6:2

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse*LSB pg. 156*

C *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Holy Gospel*John 8:2-11*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. ³The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst ⁴they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. ⁵Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” ⁶This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”]]

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn*Jesus Sinners Doth Receive***609****Sermon****The Apostles' Creed***inside the back cover of the hymnal.***The Prayers****Offering****Offertory***LSB 159*

C *What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

The Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with your spirit.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
P It is truly good, right, and salutary [...] evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB pg. 161

- C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The Lord's Prayer

inside the back cover of the hymnal

The Consecration

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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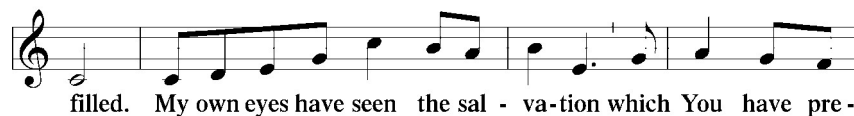
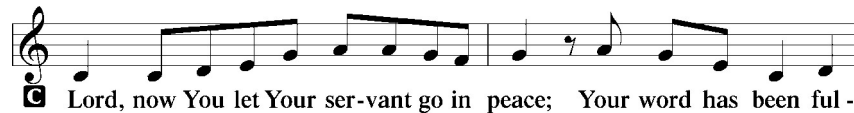
- C** *Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

Communion Hymns

<i>Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed</i>	560
<i>Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain</i>	435
<i>Go to Dark Gethsemane</i>	436

Nunc Dimittis

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Thanksgiving & Benediction

- P** Let us pray... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen**
- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with your spirit.**
- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give ☩ you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Let Me Be Thine Forever

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Lutheran Schools in Martin County
St James Lutheran School, Martin Luther High School
All Schools and places of learning



St James

Baptism Birthdays: none this week

Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Rochelle Franzen,
Marilyn Borkenhagen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz

Homebound: Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Emma Morris, Morgan Roberts, Leo Morris

Seminary Student: Peter Preus

Serving our Country: Ben Peymann, Dalton Fette, Kory Brown,
Jesse Peterson

Sick & In Distress: Greg Wallace, Lynn Schwieger, Caleb Roiger,
Cairne Etycheson, Yonsey Karasek

Homebound: Dale Schwieger, Lenore Wendt, Norma Patsche,
Violet Lueth

Bulletin/Broadcast Sponsors
May God continue to bless these couples:

- **Ken & Rhonda Petrowiak** for the month of August in celebration of their 32nd wedding anniversary on August 31st.
- **Doug & Laurie Quinn** with the grace of God have been happily married for 30 years on August 7th.

You can sponsor the bulletins (\$10 per congregation) or **online broadcast** (\$25) anytime throughout the year, in honor of a special event or giving thanks to God. Call the church office with your request.

August Newsletters for Zion members are available on the table in the Narthex, SJL member newsletters are in your bulletin boxes at SJL.

2023-24 Scholarship Applications for SJL or Zion members attending a LCMS high school or college are available in the office. Deadline to return them is **August 15th**.

LYF Egg fundraiser continues, call/text Lynn Becker at 230-2700 to arrange a pick up from the farm. 100% of proceeds goes to LYF for expenses and future trips. Please keep returning cartons and leave in the SJL narthex.

Are you in need of help with meals? **St James Lutheran Stewardship Committee** is starting a meal-train for SJL members who wish to have some help with meals for a short time. This could be due to an illness, a hospital stay, a birth of a child, a death in the family, or for any other reason. Contact Jody Uttech (507-236-6456) if you wish to have a meal-train started for you and/or your family. Also, if you are willing to help by furnishing a meal for a meal-train family when it works with your schedule, please let Jody know.



Thank you to John Thate, from Thate's Tree Service, who donated 2 more loads of new wood chips for our playground, and to Gary Luhmann for spreading them. Please share our appreciation when you see them.

Thate's Tree Service has removed all the dead trees from the SJL Cemetery. Any donations to help with this expense would be greatly appreciated, please mark your envelope or check with "Cemetery Tree Removal". We currently have received \$2,400 of the \$7,000 needed towards this expense. If you have any questions, please talk to one of our Trustees. ~Thank you

2023 Fall Women's LWML Retreat September 15-16, 2023 at Camp Omega, Waterville, MN. Come get away, relax, and be comforted by God's real and present peace as author and speaker Michelle Dierks leads us in her Bible study "Promised Rest". This one-day Women's Retreat, with optional Friday night activities, is open to all women (junior high age and older). The registration deadline is Friday, August 25. https://www.mnslwml.org/2023_district_retreat

SJL Members please renew your Lutheran Witness Subscription with the office. Anyone interested in starting a subscription, the deadline is **August 28th**. Price is \$23.16/yr and is payable to SJL.

ST JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL



2023-24 Back to School Registration If you were unable to attend our registration night, please contact your child's teacher or the office to set up a time to complete all the necessary paperwork before the school year begins. Returning students need to use the ENROLL ME option available through Gradelink to update or confirm their personal information. (contact the office if you need help logging in).

School Supply Needs: Kleenex, Paper Towels, Batteries (all sizes), and Disinfectant Wipes. If you are interested in helping us with these items, please bring to the office at SJL or leave in the Narthex at Zion.



MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL
SJL & Zion are full association members

Everyone is invited to the **"On Christ, the Solid Rock Praise in the Parking Lot Dedication"** at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on Sunday, August 27th at 5:00 p.m. A short service will be held with Pastor Timothy Chase as the officiant. Some seating will be available but guests can bring a lawn chair if they wish. The **"Back-to-School Party" for students and families will follow at 5:30 p.m.**

"Party in the Parking Lot" All-School Reunion on Saturday, September 2, 2023 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Bring your significant other, lawn chairs, and get ready for a fun time. Alumni parents are also invited! Food and beverage trucks will be available for purchase. Fat City All Stars band will start at 7:00! The \$10 tickets can be purchased at martinlutherhs.com under Special Events > All-School Reunion. Join us in celebrating 40 years!

Adult Bible Study at Martin Luther High School: MLHS is offering an adult Bible study for the Gospel of Luke. We will read and discuss Luke through the eyes of "Wikipedia." Principal Paul Steinhaus will lead this "class." The class will meet every Thursday (when school is in session) from 10:15-11am starting Sept 7th. Please RSVP your interest in participating to: paulsteinhaus@martinlutherhs.com.

Lutheran Schools Book Club: Everyone is invited to join in a quarterly book club in which we will read a book each quarter (12 weeks) of the calendar year. Each book will be hosted by a Lutheran School. The first book will be "Gods and Kings" by Lynn Austin and hosted by Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School. It will be "assigned" from September – November. Future books will be announced. We will host discussions at the mid-way point in mid October and a final discussion in late November: specific dates to be determined. Please RSVP your interest in participation and/or any questions you may have to: paulsteinhaus@martinlutherhs.com.

BBQ Benefit for the Trenton & Alex Rossow Family, Sunday September 10th, 11-1pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Trimont. Leela Rossow was born May 13th, weighing 2#, 11oz and spent several weeks in the NICU in Rochester. She is home now and doing well. Benefit proceeds will help them with expenses incurred during their time in Rochester. A lunch of BBQs, chips, beans and bars will be served in the church basement for a free-will donation.

JOINT SUNDAY SERVICES
Adult Bible Class @ 8:00am, Divine Worship @ 9:00am
July @ SJL August @ ZION



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class will study the book of Colossians beginning at 8:00am.

Tuesday Women’s Bible Study at Zion, 7pm. We currently are using a study by Michelle Diercks, “Promised Rest”.

Friday Morning Bible Study at 8am in the Fellowship Hall at SJL. We continue our study of the Life and Ministry of St Paul.

ISSUES, ETC. SCHEDULE:
Sundays on KSUM 1370AM - 9 am
August 13 Media Coverage of Church Closing - Terry Mattingly
August 20 Moses and Joshua - Dr. Adolph Harstad
August 27 Transhamaniums - Brandon Steenback

THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:
Sundays on KSUM 1370AM- 11 am
Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
"How Well Does Jesus Know Me?" The God who knows everything about you is also the God of grace who forgives on account of Christ. (John 1: 48-51)



Those Serving our Lord			
Greeters			
SJL	8-13	Mark & Sandy Grefe	9AM @ Zion
	8-20	Jan Hartmann & Connie Kakeldey	9AM @ Zion
Zion	8-13	Dave & Heidi Bicknase	9AM @ Zion
	8-20	Doug & Lorna Bicknase	9AM @ Zion

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: **Aug 13 - 20, 2023**
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: **Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon**
Office phone: 436-5289 **Pastor phone:** 219-713-1604
Email: sjlnorthrop@gmail.com **Website:** sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com

Sunday	Joint Adult Bible Class	(Z) 8:00 AM
	Joint Divine Worship	(Z) 9:00 AM
Monday	Office Closed	
Tuesday	Ladies Bible Study	(Z) 7:00 PM
Wednesday	SJL Council Meeting (note new time)	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
Sunday	Joint Adult Bible Class	(Z) 8:00 AM
	Joint Divine Worship	(Z) 9:00 AM

Online giving is an easy and reliable method to contribute to your church while you are out of town, or if you are interested in eliminating the need to remember your envelope on Sunday morning. You can make a one time donation or save time and schedule recurring contributions. This option is available for either congregation through the website; sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com, or through the tithe.ly church app.



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Aug 6, 2023
Attendance	JT 127 (HC 72)	Home	\$5,503.90
Loose Plate	\$30.00	Missions	\$125.00
MLHS	\$830.00	Zion Repairs	\$100.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Aug 6, 2023
Attendance	JT 127 (HC 45)	Home	\$2,210.00
Loose Plate	\$220.00	Missions	\$20.00
Online	\$558.27	Tuition Angel	\$200.00
Tree Removal	\$1,450.00	Memorials	\$50.00
Rental	\$75.00		